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Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the Office Action dated May 22, 2002, Applicants elect Group II, consisting of Claims 16-21 and 27-44 for examination. Applicant agrees to cancel the claims of Groups I and III without prejudice to reserve the right to file them in a later application.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn and this case be passed to issuance at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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